Committee to suggest measures of relief to Coffee Planters in the State.

ORDER No. R. 1040-9—L. R. 97-39-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 11TH AUGUST 1939.

In view of the representations made to Government that, owing to the fall in the price of coffee, the planters, particularly those of limited means, were finding it difficult to get financial accommodation to meet the working expenses of their estates, Government sanctioned in June 1936 a scheme for granting takavi loans to planters and provided a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs for the purpose for the year 1936-37. The scheme has since been continued and an allotment each year of one lakh of rupees was made in the budgets for the years 1937-38 and 1938-39 and of one and half lakhs of rupees in the current year.

2. It has been brought to the notice of Government that the existing rules are too limited in scope to benefit the majority of the planters to any substantial extent. Representations have been made in the Representative Assembly and elsewhere that the system of granting takavi advances might be liberalised and that measures might be adopted for assisting the industry on a scale commensurate with its present needs.

3. Government observe that the takavi loan rules of 1936 were intended to meet a situation which, it was hoped, would be temporary. The slump in prices having continued for several years, Government agree that the position needs to be re-examined. They are accordingly pleased to appoint a Committee consisting of the marginally noted officers and non-official gentlemen to investigate the condition of the planting industry and the adequacy or otherwise of the existing credit facilities available to the planters and to suggest the further measures, if any, that might appropriately be taken, directly or through State aided agencies, in order to stabilise the industry.

(1) The Revenue Commissioner (Chairman).
(2) The Director of Agriculture.
(3) Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, The Government Director of Industrial Concerns.
(4) The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.
(5) *Dharmapravartha* Mr. M. L. Nagappa Setty.
(6) Mr. A. Middleton.
(7) Mr. R. C. Morris.
(8) Mr. Sylvester Pais.
(9) Mr. S. N. Ramanna.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Raises 'Average Pay' mentioned in Explanations to Rules 5 and 6 of the Revised Rules of Recruitment to Rs. 45 for purposes of classification of appointments.

READ—

Government Order No. 6-105—C. R. B. 1-34-1, dated 3rd July 1934, issuing revised rules of recruitment to the subordinate services of Government.

2. O. M. No. 2267-2366—C. R. B: 7-35-1, dated 12th October 1935, permitting the appointment, temporarily, of backward community candidates from Class II 'B' lists in 'Special' vacancies of Class I, pending availability of backward community graduates.

3. Extract from the proceedings of the Fifty-second Meeting of the Central Recruitment Board held on the 12th April 1939, that in the case of posts carrying progressive scales of pay, the "average pay" be raised from Rs. 35 to Rs. 45 for purposes of classification of appointment.

ORDER No. 773-872—C. R. B. 5-39-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7TH AUGUST 1939.

For purposes of recruitment to the subordinate services of Government, appointments are classified on the basis of pay. Posts on a pay of Rs. 35 and above fall under Class I and those below in Class II. In the case of a post carrying progressive scale of pay, the average pay, as calculated for financial purposes, determines the class into which the appointment falls. The minimum qualification for Class I appointments is a degree of the Mysore University or any other recognised University and for Class II appointments, a pass in the S.S.L.C.

Examination. The recruits for these classes of appointments are started on the minimum pay of the appointments. Accordingly, graduates appointed in Class I posts carrying a progressive scale of pay, the average salary of which is Rs. 35 and above, are generally given only the minimum pay of the scale, which, in a large number of cases, varies from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30. It was brought to the notice of Government that graduates of backward communities were not forthcoming in sufficient numbers for taking up such appointments. In the interests of work, Government in their O. M. No. 2267-2366—C. R. B. 7-35-1, dated the 12th October 1935, permitted the appointment of candidates from Class II 'B' lists, temporarily, in special vacancies of Class I, pending the availability of graduates of backward communities. The situation has not materially changed since 1935. Graduates assigned for such appointments do not generally turn up when the posts are offered to them, or if they respond, they do not continue long in those appointments. Besides, the classification of posts according to the above rules, has resulted in the creation of a large number of Class I appointments for which graduates of backward communities are not forthcoming in sufficient numbers.

The difficulties experienced in the working of the revised rules were considered by the Central Recruitment Board, in consultation with the several heads of Departments, and the Board have resolved "that in the case of posts carrying progressive scale of pay, the average pay mentioned in explanation to rules 5 and 6 of the revised rules of recruitment be raised to Rs. 45 for purposes of classification of appointments." Government are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Board and direct that the following sentence be added to the explanations to rules 5 and 6 of the revised rules issued with Government Order dated 3rd July 1934.

"Posts on progressive scales of pay, the minimum of which is less than Rs. 35, will be classified as Class I, only when the average pay of the scales is Rs. 45 and above."

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Advisory Board for the Forest Research Laboratory, Bangalore.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 5201-2—Ft. 47-37-7, dated the 11th January 1938, sanctioning the establishment of a Forest Research and Experimental Station at Bangalore.

2. Government Order No. G. 7907-8—Ft. 162-38-2, dated 15th February 1939, designating the said Station as 'The Forest Research Laboratory.'

3. Letter No. D. 2-1-18—39, dated the 20th July 1939, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, recommending the constitution of an Advisory Board for the Forest Research Laboratory, Bangalore.

ORDER NO. A. & F. 378-85—FT. 28-39-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH AUGUST 1939.

The Chief Conservator of Forests states that the need for the constitution of an Advisory Board consisting of experienced members in the line to review the progress of work done in the Laboratory and to guide the future programme of work with helpful suggestions and advice is keenly felt. Government agree with the view expressed by him and are accordingly pleased to sanction the constitution of an Advisory Board consisting of the following gentlemen :—

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore (Chairman).
2. *Rajasevasakta* M. Machaya, Esq., B.A. (Oxon.), retired Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. Dr. M. A. Sampathkumaran, M.A., Ph.D., S.M. (Chicago), Professor of Botany, Central College, Bangalore.
4. The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
5. Dr. K. Krishnaswamy, M.Sc., Institute of Science.
6. Dr. B. L. Manjunath, B.A., M.Sc. (Lond.), D. Phil. (Oxon.), Professor of Organic Chemistry, Central College, Bangalore.

The Technical Assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests will be the Secretary of the Board.

The Board will generally meet once a quarter or more often if necessary.

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

LAW SECRETARIAT

Non-official President for the Davangere Town Municipal Council.

READ—

Letter No. A6-C. 34—39-40, dated 19th July 1939, from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, submitting the proposal of the Davangere Town Municipal Council, that it may be given the privilege of having a non-official President.

ORDER NO. L. 1657-9—ML. 53-39-7, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8TH AUGUST 1939.

Government are pleased to accept the proposal and to direct under Section 23 (2) (c) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1933, that the Davangere Town Municipal Council be given the privilege of electing a non-official President from among its members.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, is requested to take further action in accordance with the prescribed rules and submit a report to Government early.

C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Audit and Appropriation Report of the Comptroller to Government on the accounts for 1937-38.

2. Report of the Public Accounts Committee thereon.

ORDER NO. FL. 708-80—G. F. 288-38-13, DATED BANGALORE, THE 7—8TH AUGUST 1939.

Recorded.

Appropriation Report.

2. *Para* 4. *Excesses over Grants.*—Excesses over grants have appeared under 13 heads. Government desire that Heads of Departments should make all possible attempts to keep expenditure or liabilities within the grants placed at their disposal and in cases where the incurring of an excess becomes inevitable, sanction of Government should invariably be obtained well in time to such excess.

Audit Report.

3. *Para* 7. *Loans for Restoration of Tanks.*—The Committee have observed that the present procedure, in regard to the recovery of loans for restoration of tanks, requires examination and revision, to ensure that the expenditure incurred by the Public Works Department from time to time is included in the demand to be